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For: CROSS-LINKED ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND FORMED PRODUCT  
COMPOSED OF SUCH CROSS-LINKED ELASTOMER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of

Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the USPTO is authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Office Action issued September 25, 2007 in Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-507967), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

1. WO 01/016234 corresponds to US Patent No. 6,974,845, which was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated November 29, 2007.
2. JP 2002/179737 corresponds to US Application No. 2004/0030049; also an English language Abstract of JP 2002/179737 is being submitted.
3. Applicant submits a partial English language translation of WO 2002/102892 along with an English language Abstract of WO 2002/102892.
4. WO 00/64980 corresponds to US Patent No. 6,642,300; also an English language Abstract of WO 00/64980 is being submitted.
5. JP 2000/309704 was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 8, 2005.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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